

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1910
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2008
WAGON REQUIREMENT OF THE RAILWAYS
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have chalked out plans to meet the future wagon requirement of the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith expected number of wagons to be required by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether the Railways have decided to take over Bharat Wagon and Engineering, a sick wagon manufacturing company of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigan Limited (BBUNL) to meet the future wagon requirement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR.R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1910 BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2008 REGARDING WAGON REQUIREMENT OF THE RAILWAYS.

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The total wagon requirement during the 11th Five Year Plan has been assessed as 1,55,000 wagons in four wheeler units.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : The Bharat Wagon and Engineering Limited (BWEL) has been brought under the administrative control of the Ministry of Railways w.e.f. 13.08.2008. As part of financial restructuring proposal approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Railways have planned following investment in BWEL.

(i) Rs. 6.83 Crores as Plan equity.

(ii) Rs. 6.83 Crores as Plan loan to BWEL.

(iii) Rs. 5 Crores as non plan advance to BWEL to meet the working capital requirement without interest for five years.